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Lakeview and Burns, Too

IN current presentation of information in support of better airmail service for Klamath Falls (in other words, airline service to this city) there has been overlooked the fact that Lakeview and Burns and way points are seriously affected by the unfavorable airmail situation now existing here.

Mail from Lakeview and Burns comes daily into Klamath Falls by bus. If this city had airline service, airmail from these busy towns could take to the air at this point, along with the Klamath Falls mail. As it is, airmail from Burns, Lakeview and Klamath Falls stays on the ground until it reaches Portland, San Francisco or Sacramento. Unless the mail is destined for distant points, calling it airmail becomes nothing less than a joke under such circumstances.

If a patron of the postoffice of any of these three communities sends a letter by airmail to Portland or San Francisco, he is wasting the extra stamp. The mail does not go into the air at all. One wonders how many people have donated postage to the government in this way without receiving the service they believe they are getting.

Although postal service people try to dispatch mail by the fastest route, there has long been a suspicion here that airmail directed to Klamath Falls from such points as Portland and San Francisco actually gets here later than it would if the airmail stamps were left off. This writer received afternoon delivery this week on a piece of airmail sent the previous day from Portland. He believes that this mail would have been received in the morning if it had not been sent airmail. At any rate, the man who sent it from Portland wasted postage.

These are conditions affecting the people of live, growing communities of south central and southeastern Oregon. This newspaper knows that it is not possible to take direct airmail service to every town and hamlet in the land, and that some travel by land is necessary for airmail from many points. But it submits that few communities of the size of Klamath Falls have such wholly inadequate airmail service, and further asserts that the whole situation can be easily changed by the acceptance of the application of United Airlines to operate into this city.

Recent cancellation of the afternoon bus, which made airmail connections with Medford, has affected Lakeview and Klamath Falls unfavorably, as is the case with Klamath Falls. The real and fair solution to the whole problem for all three communities is to give Klamath Falls the airline service which United Airlines wishes to establish here. Such service would be responsive to a real public need.

McNary Will Run

NO surprise is occasioned by the announcement that Senator Charles L. McNary will seek re-election in 1942. Nor will any surprise be occasioned by the senator's re-election in 1942. Oregon people have been sending Charley McNary to Washington for a long time now, and there is every indication they are generally satisfied with the service he has rendered there to his state and his nation.

The senator's decision is of significance in the developing state political situation because it probably means that neither Governor Charles A. Sprague nor Secretary of State Earl Snell will go after the senatorial toga. All indications now point to a contest between these two prominent figures for the republican nomination for governor in the spring of 1942. Neither of them has shown any indications of interest in running against Senator McNary for the senatorial nomination, although either or both would be a very likely candidate if Senator McNary had chosen to retire.

Aged Man Honored On 70th Birthday

MIDLAND — Mr. and Mrs. Oral Heavilin gave a party in honor of their uncle, James Atkins, on his 70th birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. P. Molschenbacher, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gravelle, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Burnett, Danny Heavilin and Jean and John Burnett.

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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, July 25—The promised shake-up in the war department ordnance division turned out to be a shattering instead. Pieces of that bottleneck may never be found.

The generals have been hazy on details and a little reluctant about the whole matter, but it is clear the technical staff of ordnance has been abolished in effect. Instead of standing as a unit in the choosing of weapons for the army, it has been folded in under the industrial service division with an extensive change in personnel. A third unit in this keystone ordnance arch of defense preparations, known as the ordnance committee, has likewise experienced an overturn of personnel.

Orders for the change went out Wednesday, but were not immediately announced.

TANKS EYED

One immediate effect of the change may place more stress on the most serious deficiency of the army to date—tanks. It is unbelievable, but tanks have been sixth on the official list of prior defense necessities. Preferences for materials have been given to machine tools, naval equipment, air corps, small arms and artillery (yes small arms and artillery.)

EXPERTS SLIP

It begins to look like the proud staff general staff is mainly responsible for the initial blunder of the Russian campaign. Hitler's advertised super-human strategists who had schemed their way through Europe with fresh military logic that amazed the world, seem to have tripped on two simple miscalculations that might make a junior grade lieutenant blush.

Of course, both Berlin and Moscow have been lying in their public utterances so extensively it is impossible to put their opposing accounts together and ascertain precisely what happened. But this much is discernible to the expert eyes here:

Hitler started four pincer movements into Russia, of the same type used so successfully on a smaller scale in Poland and France. The four mechanized attacks were aimed at Leningrad, Moscow, Kiev and toward the mouth of the Dnieper (reading from north to south). These four were to plunge straight in, then march toward one another completing semi-circles around the Russian army, which was to be destroyed in the encircled pockets. They plunged, but they could not arch. Not one of these circles could be completed.

It is therefore apparent Hitler's great military thinkers miscalculated on the great distances to be covered and on the fighting resistance of the red army.

LITTLE PINCERS

To cover their original mistake, the nazis have now started smaller pincer drives from their original starting bases, designed to pinch off smaller pockets, inside the uncompleted big pockets. The first four big bites having failed, they are now trying dozens of less ambitious bites.

It may mean blitzkrieg will not work on such vast terrain, where gasoline supplies and replacements must be hauled such long distances. It could mean the new Russian methods of fighting mechanized blitzes (hiding until the tanks stop for the night and then attacking, etc.)

SIDE GLANCES



"Funny thing . . . we feel sorry for Pop . . . he just told me he felt sorry for us—said he wouldn't coop himself up in the city for twice the salary I'm making."

have produced the long-awaited answer to the blitz. You will have to wait until one side or the other stops lying before you can judge.

Yet it is impossible to report any optimism here for the long-range Russian cause, only hope. The prevailing general military impression is that the nazis have only stumbled so far.

TOO CLOSE

Betting odds are running as high as 10 to 1 the Japs will not accept the nazi invitation to stab Russia in her broad Siberian back. There is good reason.

The Russians have 200 to 250 bombing planes within 400 miles of a large Japanese naval base and only 600 to 700 miles away from the populous Japanese cities with their closely huddled wooden houses.

BEEF IS TABOO

Beef is prohibited in Kashmir, India, and visitors must certify in writing that they are carrying no beef in any form into the province. This Hindu-ruled mountain district bans even a cube of bouillon or can of oxtail soup.

Defense Bond Quiz

Q. How long will Defense Bonds and Stamps be on sale?
 A. Indefinitely. Secretary Morgenthau has emphasized that the Defense Savings Program is to be a continuing effort. Its success will be measured by the number of persons taking part, as well as by the amount of money raised, which is now in excess of \$700,000,000.

Q. Is the purchase of Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps compulsory?

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